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Applicant: A. DATE *et al.*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application before examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 and 4 without prejudice or disclaimer.